

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A liquid crystal display including a backlight device which comprises a housing in which at least one fluorescent lamp is present, wherein the housing forms a substantially dustproof space, and wherein part of the lamp extends outside the housing through a wall of said housing, said wall abutting against the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner at a location where the lamp passes through the wall, wherein the wall comprises two parallel plates between which a flexible material is arranged, and wherein the flexible material abuts against the lamp.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wall abuts

against a glass light-transmitting part of the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4. (previously presented) the liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible material is a synthetic foam material.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein recesses in each of the plates are larger than further recesses in the flexible material, through which further recesses the lamp extends.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said part of the lamp extends into a channel through which air can flow.

Claim 8.(previously presented) The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a fan which is capable of generating an air flow through the channel.

Claim 9.(previously presented) The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing abuts against a diffuser plate.

Claim 10.(previously presented) A backlight comprising the liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 11.(previously presented) A method of lighting a liquid crystal display including a backlight device comprising a housing in which at least one lamp is present, in which the lamp backlights the liquid crystal display, wherein the housing forms a substantially dustproof space, and wherein part of the lamp extends outside the housing through a wall of said housing, said wall abutting against the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner at a location where said lamp extends

through the wall, wherein the wall comprises two parallel plates between which a flexible material is arranged, and wherein the flexible material abuts against the lamp.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said wall abuts against a glass light-transmitting part of the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said flexible material is a synthetic foam material.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (previously presented): The method of claim 11, wherein recesses in each of the plates are larger than further recesses in the flexible material, through which further recesses the lamp extends.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 11, wherein said part of the lamp extends into a channel through which air can flow.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein a fan which is capable of generating an air flow through the channel.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the housing abuts against a diffuser plate.

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21. (currently amended): A display comprising:

a housing having a base, outer walls and inner walls;

a first surface supported by at least one of the outer walls and inner walls, the inner walls separating an inner space and an outer space; and

at least one light source having a body located in the inner space and at least one end extending into the outer space through at least one inner wall of the inner walls;

wherein the inner space extends from the first surface to the base and forms completely a dust-proof enclosure of ~~es~~ the body.

Claim 22. (previously presented): The display of claim 21, wherein one outer wall of the outer walls includes at least one opening configured to allow air into the outer space.

Claim 23. (previously presented): The display of claim 21, wherein one outer wall of the outer walls includes at least one opening configured to allow air into the outer space, said one outer wall being substantially perpendicular to an axis of the at least one light source.

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Claim 24. (previously presented): The display of claim 21, further comprising a fan configured to blow air into the outer space through at least opening of the outer walls.

Claim 25. (currently amended): A display comprising:
a housing having a base, outer walls and inner
walls;
a first surface supported by at least one of the
outer walls and inner walls, the inner walls separating
an inner space and an outer space; and
at least one light source having a body located in
the inner space and at least one end extending into the
outer space through at least one inner wall of the inner
walls;
wherein the inner space extends from the first
surface to the base and completely encloses the body, and
~~The display of claim 21,~~ wherein the inner walls
comprises two parallel plates sandwiching a flexible
material; the at least one end extending into the outer
space through the flexible material.